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Headwaters Update is a monthly publication aimed at providing timely information to Pittsburgh District personnel and their families. It will augment the quarterly *Headwaters Highlights* where issues will be discussed in greater depth. Both are produced by the Pittsburgh District Public Affairs Office. Questions, comments and input are welcome at 412-395-7502.

Personnel Notes

Co-ops to Permanent Positions: Ronald Slezak (OR); Michelle Anderson (IM).

Promotions: Michael Debes (EC); Paul Donahue (EC); John Durig (EC); Joe Thomas (EC); Michael Clark (OR); Marcia Haberman (OR); Nancy Mullen (OR).

Retirements/Reassignment/Transfer: Tom Fleege (OR); Vivian Joltes (OR).

On A Personal Note:

Condolences... to David Maset, Maxwell L/D. His mother, Elinor C. Maset, passed away Nov. 24 ... to Steve Lauser, Kinzua. His mother passed away Nov. 5. ... to Francis Chess, Maxwell L/D. His wife, Debra, passed away Nov 5 ... to Diane Goodman, New Cumberland L/D. Her mother, Helen Toth, passed away Nov. 1.

Mark Your Calendars

Bill Salesky, ED, will be retiring Jan. 3 after 37 years of service. His retirement luncheon will be Jan. 8 at the Engineer's Society of Western PA.

R.Scott Smiley, PM, will be retiring in January after 38 years of service. His retirement luncheon will be Jan. 15. More info TBA.

Jack Goga, Planning Branch, will be retiring Jan. 3 after 41 years, 8 months of service. His retirement luncheon will be Jan. 22 at The Riverwatch.

DECK THE HALLS. The 50-year tradition continues with Christmas Caroling Dec. 20. Schedule: 8:30 a.m. 7th Floor; 9 a.m. 18th Floor; 9:30 a.m. 19th Floor, 10 a.m. 20th Floor; Federal Bldg Lobby ???

Tionesta Introduces Fish-Line Recycling Program

By Robert Petruncy
Tionesta Lake

In an effort to save wildlife, while at the same time helping to protect the environment, Tionesta Lake has introduced a fish-line recycling program.

There are two ways discarded fishing line affects wildlife -- ingestion and entanglement. Many times birds get discarded fishing line entangled in their feet and wings and cannot fly. Birds may also eat fish with line attached causing an obstruction of their gut leading to starvation. The fishing line recycling program at Tionesta Lake was implemented in mid- July and is working out great. The recycling bins, made from hollow 4-inch PVC pipe, have been strategically placed at popular fishing spots at Tionesta. Anglers are encouraged to place their

unwanted line in the bin.

Also incorporated into the design is a self-closing top to keep bees and wasps out, along with small holes drilled in the bottom for water drainage.

What happens to the used line? It is mailed back to the manufacturer and recycled back into tackle boxes, fish habitat structures, toys and fishing line spools.

Petruncy at a fish-line recycling station at Tionesta Lake's Outflow Area.



Corps to Increase Day Use Fees in 2003

Recreation day use fees will increase at Corps of Engineers projects starting Jan. 1, 2003. Fees for the issuance of special event permits will also increase.

A fee of \$1 per person, up to \$4 per vehicle, will be charged at developed swimming beaches and other day use recreation facilities within a park, and a fee of \$3 will be charged for boat launching at ramps that have additional amenities. The current fee is a maximum of \$3 per vehicle at beaches and recreation facilities and \$2 at boat launchings.

An annual pass may be purchased for \$30 to permit the holder and passengers to use all day use facilities at Corps-operated parks for the calendar year. A second pass can be purchased for \$15. The current fee is \$30 for an annual pass and \$5 for a second pass.

The basic fee for a special events permit will increase from \$25 to \$50.



SUCCESSES:

➤ Meeting with Leadership Development Program Team.

➤ Successful fiscal year 2002 year-end close-out.

➤ Dissemination of current info in *Headwaters Update* every month and quarterly *Headwaters Highlights*.

➤ District recognized for its Special Recreation Day for the disabled.

CHALLENGES:

A few challenges remain:

➤ Budget uncertainties with Continuing Resolution Authority.

➤ Expanding bandwidth needed to increase

A monthly roundup of significant successes and challenges from the office of the District Engineer, Col. Raymond Scrocco.

the computer availability to the field.

AND FINALLY:

➤ Have a safe and happy Holiday Season!





On The Back Porch

CFC Goal Topped

Pittsburgh District employees opened their hearts and purse strings to top this year's Combined Federal Campaign goal. "We have surpassed our district's goal of \$25,000 with a total of \$25,378.60," said Susie Kline, CFC district coordinator. "Thanks to everyone who contributed," she added.

Door Decorating Contest

The annual Castle Co-op door decorating contest will be held the morning of Dec. 20.

Holiday Party

The Castle Co-op Holiday Party is Dec. 14 at Broughton Volunteer Fire Hall.

Lewis and Clark Finalists

District Rangers **John Derby** and **Pat Kline** are in the running to be a part of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration Kick-off at HQ, USACE in February. The event will coincide with National Engineers Week, Feb. 17 - 21, 2003.

The kick-off will consist of an interpretive team of 12 park rangers participating in various activities during the week. The names of the 12 Corps rangers will be announced the week of Dec. 2.

The rangers will staff an information booth outside the Chief of Engineer's office, participate in informational talks/programs presented to Corps staff on a scheduled basis, media coverage, DC area school programs and take part in a video with LTG Flowers. The video will be shown to Corps employees nationwide.

LDP Focuses on Customer Awareness

By Pamela Fisher
LDP Team Member

The District's Leadership Development Program class has selected its group project entitled *Process, Programs & Products of the Corps of Engineers*.

In this project, the class will focus on customer (internal & external) awareness of who the district is, what it does and where it is going. This will be tied into the Corps Vision.

In the last month, the class has met with Maggie Gates and Donna Goldstrom, who were instrumental on assisting in the wrap-up of the project, and also received an ethics briefing

from Neil Purcell, chief of the Office of Counsel.

Another highlight of the past month was a field visit to the offices of Blue Cross & Blue Shield, downtown Pittsburgh, where the LDP saw firsthand the challenges faced by executives of that company. LDP class members commented on the visit as "an excellent learning tool; we gained the insight as to how we are different and how we are similar."

Editor's Note: Each month, a different LDP class member will write an update on the activities of the group for Headwaters Update.

New Printing Contract Awarded

A contract has been awarded by the Government Printing Office for Document Automation and Production Service to a local company, Life's Work of Western PA, to provide day-to-day printing and reproduction services for the Pittsburgh District.

This will be the first opportunity for Life's Work, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping persons with disabilities and other employment barriers to enter the workplace, to provide printing/reproduction services from their print shop to the Pittsburgh federal community. Our employees who have received services from Life's Work have been pleased with the quality and timeliness of their work. This contractor, along with DAPS-Mechanicsburg reproduction facility,

will accomplish the day-to-day printing and reproduction work previously provided by the DAPS-Pittsburgh reproduction facility. Special printing and reproduction requirements will continue to be competitively procured through DAPS/GPO on an as-needed basis. As in the past, individuals requiring printing/reproduction services should identify their requirements and the available funding by completing a *Publications and Printing Request* form and providing it, along with material to be printed, to K.D. Parker, IM-R, Room 2032.



Safety Tip:
Stay Safe
This
Holiday
Season!

Castle Co-op Sponsors Food Drive



Castle Co-op is collecting canned food and dry goods for the Pittsburgh Food Bank until Jan. 10. The food bank is in desperate need of donations.

If you will be attending the Castle Co-op Holiday Party on Dec. 14, please bring your donations there. You can also bring your donations to Kathy Evans in Room 1834.



New Employees . . . Nine new district employees were welcomed and received their initial orientation Nov. 20. New employees include: Melissa Sporter (EC), John Krajcovic (EC), David Caribardi (UA), Steven Shaw (Berlin), Debra Coutour (OR), Derrick Christian (Lock 3, Mon), Maggie Gates (EO), Michael Price (UA) and James McKelvey (Lock 2, AR).